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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT : Proposed European Trip of [REDACTED] of
the Psychological Strategy Board Staff
REFERENCE : Mr. Tracy Barnes' Note of March 27 and
Attachments

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1. In your note to me dated 28 March you have indicated
that in a conversation with Tracy Barnes you stated that you
saw no objection to the proposed trip by [REDACTED], and you
have asked me for my comments prior to the next meeting of the
PSB at which time [REDACTED] trip will come before the Board.

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2. It seems to me that the main question that the Board
should address itself to is whether the Director and members of
the PSB staff should engage themselves in foreign travel as a
part of their regular duties and responsibilities and, if so, on
what basis and how much. Having decided this broad question as
a matter of principle, it would be much simpler to determine in
a particular case, such as the proposed [REDACTED] trip, whether
it is to the interest to the Board and the work of the staff
for trips to be taken. I was not previously aware of any plan
on the part of the Board to have members of the staff traveling
abroad. An argument can always be made out in favor of foreign
travel, overseas experience and firsthand observations of matters
with which the PSB or any other organization is concerning itself.

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3. Concerning this particular trip and the four stated
purposes, I have the following comments and suggestions:

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a. [REDACTED] This is a PSB plan and it would make good
sense for a representative of the PSB staff to look into its
progress and familiarize himself with the local situation in
[REDACTED]

b. European Coordination of Psychological Operations.
There would be no objection that I can see to an extension of
PSB inquiry and examination into the status of coordination

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of psychological operations [redacted] for that matter, [redacted] gets to be a bit tricky and I would not consider it useful for PSB to go into the question in other European countries.

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c. Escapees Program, Phase A. I doubt if it would be necessary or would serve any particularly useful purpose for [redacted] to make a tour of the periphery of the Iron Curtain, as seems to be suggested in this section of his memorandum.

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d. Escapees Program, Phase B. [redacted] informs me that he is inclined to question the value of a PSB effort to determine the number of escapees currently crossing the border who are usable for the various purposes now being considered by the Phase B Panel.

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[redacted]
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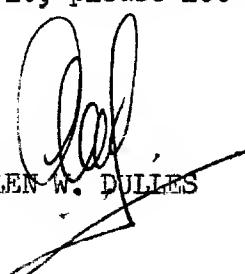
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FROM : Deputy Director Central Intelligence

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1. Please see attached note from Tracy Barnes.
I told him that I saw no objection to the proposed trip
by [redacted] It occurred to me that if anyone goes
for PSB, [redacted] was probably the best choice from that
angle in view of his background and knowledge of our work.

2. This suggestion regarding [redacted] trip
will come before the Board at the next meeting and if
you have any comments respecting it, please let me know.

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ALLEN W. DULLES

Attachment (1)

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE DIRECTOR OF
PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ALLEN W. DULLES
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency

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[] has the attached proposal for a trip to Europe this Spring. Dr. [] and I feel that as a general principle it is desirable for the office heads, at least, to get into the field from time to time and get a first-hand feel of the problems which are of concern to us. Being for [] trip in principle, therefore, we nevertheless, naturally, want to make sure that each such trip has sufficient real purpose to justify it. I wonder if you would be good enough to look the attached over from this standpoint, and give [] and me your informal reactions after the meeting today.

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[] wishes me to stress to you that he holds no particular brief for this trip at this time and would not wish to push it, unless there is a positive feeling that it is desirable.

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[]
C. Tracy Barnes
Deputy Director

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Attachment.

Copy of memo to the
Director, 3/26/52,
fr []

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March 26, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: European Trip

The purpose of this memorandum is to describe briefly the purposes of my proposed trip to Europe this Spring, and to suggest a tentative itinerary.

Purposes

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(1) [] This approved plan is now under way, including the activation of a committee [] which will coordinate operations under the aegis of the Ambassador and as back-stopped by the Washington Coordinating Committee. Discussions should be had with the [] Committee regarding the relationship between it and the Washington Committee, and the particular ways in which the Washington Committee can most usefully assist it in its operations. In addition, it would be well to discuss with the [] Committee the status of its plans and operations and obtain from them a first-hand estimate as to the feasibility and possible future accomplishments of its program.

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OK

Not PSTB business
and they aren't in
a position to do
anything about it

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(3) Escapees Program, Phase A: From informal conversations with representatives of the State Department, it appears to be desirable at several points in [] and along the periphery of the Iron Curtain to make clear to our missions the significance which Washington attaches to the plan from the standpoint of its psychological objectives and to make clear the basic policy underlying it. In addition, it would be desirable to stress the requirement for adequate

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[] Finally, a first-hand impression of the manner in which escapees are handled

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*No
background
needed
for
this
memo
and
it
will
not
be
used
anywhere*

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at present would be useful in the follow-up under the plan.

*Question value
of this.*

(4) Escapees Program, Phase B: In view of the uncertainty in Washington as to the numbers of escapees currently crossing the border who are useable for the various purposes now being considered by the Phase B Panel, it would be desirable to obtain a first-hand judgment on this question for the benefit of the PSB Panel.

Itinerary (approximate dates)

Depart Washington - April 10

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- April 12 and 13
- April 14 through 18
- April 19 to 25
- April 26 to 30
- and [redacted] - May 1 to 3
- May 4 to 6
- May 7 to 9
- May 10 to 13

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Return to Washington - May 15.

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REMARKS:

*advised me
this morning that his trip
has been postponed indefinitely.*

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